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5. Assignment Papers (cover sheet & documentation)
 Sony Corporation
 6. Letter under 37 CFR 1.41(c).
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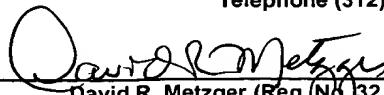
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